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September 16, 1987

The Honorable Caspar W. Weinberger
Secretary of Defense
Department of Defense
The Pentagon
Washington, D.C. 20301

Dear Mr. Secretary:

During the Select Committee's deliberations this past spring on the FY 88-89 Intelligence Authorization bill, concern was expressed by several Members of the Committee with respect to the proper role of the military in executing certain clandestine human intelligence (HUMINT) functions.

The Committee as a whole, however, did not feel sufficiently informed on the subject to come to any definitive resolution in the context of this year's bill. Instead, it directed the Committee staff to undertake a study and return to the Committee with whatever recommendations it believed were warranted.

Accordingly, Mr. Secretary, we wish to advise you that the Committee staff has initiated a study of this subject, focusing upon the general topics set forth in the enclosure. The first phase of the study includes interviews and data-gathering in the Washington, D.C. area; the second phase will entail data-gathering in the field to the extent the Committee staff believes desirable. The DOD elements concerned will be each of the military departments, DIA, OSD, and OJCS. Interviews with appropriate officials at CIA and the State Department are also contemplated.

Assigned to this project from the Committee staff are L. Britt Snider, Minority Counsel; Charlene Packard of the budget staff; and James Currie, John T. Elliff, and Edward Levine, Professional Staff Members. All, of course, hold TOP SECRET ☐ clearances.

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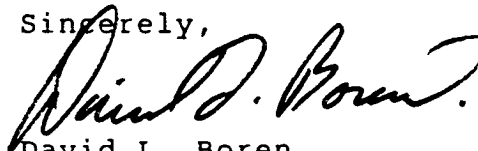
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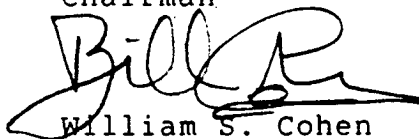
We would appreciate your designating as soon as possible a point of contact on your staff to serve as liaison for this project. This designation may be phoned to Mr. Snider at 224-1700.

By copy of this letter, we are advising Judge Webster and Secretary Shultz of this Committee initiative.

Sincerely,



David L. Boren
Chairman



William S. Cohen
Vice Chairman

Enclosure

cc: The Honorable George P. Shultz
Secretary of State

The Honorable William H. Webster
Director of Central Intelligence

GENERAL TOPICS: DOD CLANDESTINE HUMINT STUDY

1. Requirements
2. Manner/Frequency of Deployments
3. Organizational Arrangements: Current/Alternatives
4. Interagency Coordination
5. Problem Areas
6. Oversight Arrangements